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… Annual report of the Trustees and Officer of the Wisconsin Institute for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb 1854-<1861>, <1868>

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

V. A. Barstow, Governor of the State of Wisconsin:

e the honor of presenting you herewith the Second Annu-
rt of the Trustees of the Wisconsin Institute for the Edu-
f the Deaf and Dumb.

rder of the Board of Trustees,

F. K. PHŒNIX, *Secretary.*

van, January 17, 1854.

Board in submitting this, their Second Annual Report, would
ully state that health and general prosperity have attended
itution during the past year, for which they feel that re-
eartfelt acknowledgments are due to the Bounteous Giver
ood.

regard to the present membership of the Board, the terms
rs. W. Spooner, E. Cheesebro and W. C. Allen, elected
year, having expired, the two latter gentlemen were re-
d by Gov. Farwell, Judge Spooner having declined to
ain, Salmon Thomas, Esq., of Darien, was appointed in

The Board earl. elt the importance of securing the servic an experienced acher to take charge of the Institution as cipal; and wit that view negotiations were opened with se eastern Institutions. Owing, however, to the fact of so many Institutions ping recently commenced, there seemed an un demand for eachers. At length the Board, in November la cured the asistance of H. N. Hubbell, Esq., formerly of the Institution, vell known as a teacher of great ability, and the experience Mr. Hubbell was the founder and for nearly a q of a centu the only Principal of that noble pioneer Insti of the We, located at Columbus. Much to our regret, a few weeks stay he was compelled by urgent business matt return, pmising however, to use his best endeavors to s the vacacy. At his suggestion, the Board, through him, ext an invitation to Prof. Louis H. Jenkins of the Ohio Institut take hi place, the result of which was our present engagem Mr. Jnkins as Principal, and his lady, Mrs. Jenkins, as Ma the Istitution, who have now taken charge of the Instituti

Of Mr. Jenkins, it may not be improper to remark tha excellent moral character and a thorough collegiate educ he unites much professional experience with great energy a ecutive ability. As such the Board, deem themselves fortu securing his valuable assistance, and would cordially co him to the friends of Deaf-Mute Education every where.

The Institute building referred to in our first report as been put under contract, is now nearly completed. It is of 32 by 44, two stories, besides the attick and basement; soon as it can be painted will be ready for occupation. The are pleased with the performance of the contract thus f must be allowed to say that when completed the building in their opinion, not only creditable to the contractor, M Bolles, but an honor to the cause and the State. It was re in our last report that the building contracted for would modate, it was thought, thirty or thirty-five pupils. This was made more in reference to the known capacity of b

intended for common schools than for the education of the deaf and dumb. Indeed the Board were not at the time sufficiently conversant with the wants of such an Institution to form an accurate estimate. With the assistance of Mr. Jenkins, we have more thoroughly canvassed the matter, and give it as our deliberate opinion that the institute will be greatly in want of further accommodations in the way of buildings before they can possibly be erected. A very little reflection must serve to satisfy any person that a building of the size of our present one, with the best possible arrangement, would hardly accommodate even a family of thirty-five, which may be reasonably anticipated by another fall, without devoting any portion whatever to school purposes.—But when, in addition to this, it is recollected that the rooms are few and large, and that they could not be arranged with reference merely to the present wants of the Institution, without destroying their future usefulness as parts of a grand, harmonious whole; it becomes obvious that an enlargement is pressingly demanded. The Board therefore respectfully ask an appropriation of five thousand dollars for the erection of the east transverse wing of the building, according to the plan adopted by the Board and approved by the Governor.

In regard also to the fixtures for the Institution. A building, indeed, we have, but no more. The building should be supplied with needful furniture, the lot fenced, out-buildings erected and a supply of water furnished. As matters are with reference not only to the special wants of the Institution and its unfortunate inmates, but the demands and activities of the age, as well as the present prevailing prosperity of our State, the Board feel that any further argument on this point would be needless. We therefore respectfully request an appropriation of twenty five hundred dollars for the above objects.

According to the table of accounts allowed by the Trustees, and the reports of the Principal and Treasurer, herewith submitted, it will be seen that the appropriations made for the support of the

school, and the construction of a ,building have been fully, and it is believed economically applied.

By the report of the Principal it appears that the number of scholars has been increased the past season from eight, the number in attendance at the date of our last report, to fourteen, and that an additional teacher has been employed. Of the deaf mutes in our State who are of proper age to attend school there is still a large proportion as yet unprovided for, whom we have not been able to reach. But could we have gathered them all in, the means and accommodations at our command would have been wholly inadequate. For the coming year your Board would respectfully ask an appropriation of twenty-five hundred dollars for the support of the school.

In regard to the general subject of deaf-mute instruction,the Board would remark that there are few matters connected with education in the present age that more strikingly illustrate modern progress and superiority. From a very small beginning, and a recent date, it has grown and improved until it embraces in its circle of influence every civilized nation ; and thousands of otherwise benighted, miserable unfortunates have enjoyed its privileges. To them as to us, the blessed light of civilization has come, with us they hav shared in the improvements and the innumerable triumphs of art. But there are many yet untaught, to whom the next few years are all important, for whom if ought is done, it must be done quickly. Yet so many and pressing are the demands upon the time and attention of our people that it seems difficult to arouse even those most nearly [interested to the importance of deaf-mute instruction. Believing this to be indispensable, the Board have instructed our Principal to present the subject to the people through the medium of public exhibitions, which it is proposed to hold as soon as practicable in different parts of our State.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HUNT, *President.*

F. K. PHŒNIX, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL.

To the Trustees of the Wisconsin Institute
For the Education of the Deaf and Dumb.

GENTLEMEN:—As the year has now closed, and with it the duties and responsibilities of my office as Prinsipal of the Institnte, it is due to yourselves that I should make herewith my

REPORT.

The duties required of me were not very well defined, but as far as I could learn them, from yourselves and from your former Principal, they were: to hold correspondence abroad over the State as touching the interests of the Institution; invite in pupils; receive those that should come for instruction; provide for them suitable places for board; see that they were kindly treated; visit the school; provide books, maps and other fixtures needed, at the call of the teacher, &c.; and to do all with a due regard to economy. All this, gentlemen, has been done. I found the eight pupils, as mentioned in your first report, boarding in different families in our village; and owing to their former habits of being indulged on account of their misfortune, they seemed, at times,

restless and discontented. From the difficulty of communicating with them, it was often very embarrassing and perplexing to the families where they boarded. As new ones were coming in, and others expected from time to time, it was judged best, as soon as the way could be prepared, to have them, together with the teacher, board under one roof. This plan seemed the more advisable, also, in giving greater facilities to the pupils in the pursuit of their studies. The plan therefore, with your consent, was adopted.—A suitable house was obtained; a small family with whom to board was secured; furniture and provisions were provided, with which to make a beginning; and all were together about the middle of May. During the remainder of the summer term, until the vacation commenced, things moved on as well as could be expected from this new beginning. It became necessary, also, to hire an assistant teacher, which was done at a very reasonable compensation.

At the commencement of the second term, about the middle of September, it was judged expedient to make some changes. We secured another teacher in the room of the late assistant; and, also, a more appropriate housekeeper. Since then, the boarding establishment has moved on very encouragingly as well as very economically. Six new pupils have been added to the eight. making in all fourteen. All seem contented, joyous and happy, And, from a tolerably correct estimate I have been enabled to make of the expenses to the Institution in the boarding department, there will be a saving to the Board, in the last sixteen weeks, of more than one hundred dollars over the old plan. This includes rent, provisions, fuel, lights, hired help, &c., &c. And this overplus together with what was saved during the last term, it is believed, will more than pay for the expenses of stoves, furniture, and a cow. I take my leave, therefore, of you with some degree of satisfaction so far as economy is concerned.

My intercourse with yourselves from time to time, as well as with the teachers, has been harmonious and pleasant. And my feeling of sympathy in behalf of the pupils has greatly increased.

A brighter groupe of children can scarcely be found among t same number of those who are blessed with the gifts and hap ness both of speech and sound. Well may our State afford provide generously for the welfare of this constantly increasing cl of our unfortunate fellow-beings.

And, now, in conclusion, let me say, I congratulate the Bo in having secured so able and experienced a teacher and Pri pal, in the person of L. H. Jenkins. Under his direction a superintendence, with the generous and timely appropriation our State Legislature, together with the smiles and benediction our kind Heavenly Father, I shall anticipate for your Institut continued and abundant prosperity.

Very Respectfully,

L. FOOT

LIST OF PUPILS.

Names.	Town.	County.
.ridna P. Cheesebro,	Darien,	Walworth.
.ustin Churchill,	Waukesha,	Waukesha.
ames A. Dudley,	Darien,	"
'ashington Farrer,	Summerville,	Rock.
etsey Hews,	Eagle,	Waukesha.
iarles Hews,	"	"
oram Hews,	"	"
elen Hews,	"	"
'omas Jones,	Genesee,	Walworth.
irissa B. Kingman,	Delevan,	"
bert Price,	La Fayette	"
in Rolfe,	Albany,	Green.
nes Taylor,	Mt. Pleasant,	Racine.
orge Taylor,	"	"

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS

Allowed by the Board of Trustees, from their organization up to January 20th, 1854.

E. B. Gates, furniture,	60 43
H. Hunt, wood, rent, postage, and sand,	65 58
J. R. Bradway, wood, and salary as principal.	51 59
L. Lloyd, wood,	1 13
F. K. Phœnix, stove, postage, and wood,	54 24
Mr. Farrington, labor,	1 25
G. James, wood,	2 25
Mrs. Tater, board,	37 15
E. Cheesebro, provisions,	4 84
John A. Mills, teacher,	350 00
E. R. & F. A. Utter, printing,	1 25
S. C. Kelsey, plans,	60 00
H. P. Peet, plans and books,	75 00
S. S. Barlow, traveling expenses,	21 50
Thos. Bolles & T. D. Thomas, on contract for building,	1900 00
Mrs. O. Barlow, board,	30 37
Mrs. J. Stewart, board,	50 63
C. McKee, merch.,	21 19
E. Youngs, board,	84 63
P. M. Keeler, team work,	5 22
Messrs. Safford, meat bill,	9 23
J. B. Markham, merch.,	21 67
T. D. Thomas, "	14 92
T. Bolles, "	2 35
J. S. Dilley, groceries,	31 12
Mrs. Matteson, board and bedding,	25 26
A. H. Taggart, books, merch., and sand,	29 94
Larnard & Bailey, merch.,	43 30
L. Foote, salary as principal, and sundries,	182 74
J. Brig, wages and sundries,	33 14

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS—Continued.

D. McLean, board, - - - -	30 21
R. Williams, repairs, - - - - -	2 75
J. B. Rowley, groceries, - - - -	1 75
W. C. Allen, stoves and furniture, - - -	10 00
Ward & Bradt, merch., - - - -	1 57
Messrs. Wells, 1 large barrel, - - - -	1 50
D. S. Hollinshead, potatoes, - - -	9 00
Mrs. O'Connor, washing, - - - -	4 37
S. Tilden, furniture, - - - -	13 93
J. W. Case, flour and meal, - - - -	7 07
L. H. Jenkins, salary as principal, traveling expenses, and incidental, - - - - -	150 82
W. P. Flanders, stove and hardware, - -	29 98
Mr. Kingman, express charges, - - -	2 50
Exchange on draft, - - - -	45
Mr. & Mrs. Kimball, services, - - -	64 50
L. H. Jenkins, steward of institution, for support of the school, - - - - - -	197 68
L. H. Jenkins, for arrearages and contingent expenses,	200 00
	$4000 00

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The undersigned would respectfully beg leave to report to the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Institute for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb, as follows:

		Dr.	Cr.
1853			
Jan. 31	Received first instalment of fund appropriated for building purposes, - - - - -	1000 00	
Mar. 27.	Rec'd second instalment building fund, - - - - -	1000 00	
Feb. 10	Rec'd first appropriation for support of school, - - -	500 00	
May 7	Rec'd second appropriation for the support of school, 1st instalm't,	750 00	
Jan. 16	Rec'd second appropriation for school, - - - - -	750 00	
Jan. 31	Paid out building fund Boll's contract, - - - - -		900 00
Feb. 1st	Paid out building fund, do. -		1000 00
Jan. 31	" " H. P. Peet, sec. order,		60 00
" "	" " do do exchange,		45
Mar. 14	" " S. C. Kelsey, sec. order,		60 00
1854			
Jan. 20	" " sundry orders of sec. for support of school, - - -		1979 55
		$4000 00	$4000 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. H. TAGGART,
Treasurer.

January 20th, 1854.